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www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html

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(562) 342-7100

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20 Lower Ragsdale Drive Suite 100, Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 649-2870

Hunter Education

Information/Classes

To find a hunter education class in your area, call one of the numbers listed below:

Northern District - (530) 225-2003

North Central District - (916) 351-0833

Central Coast District Office - (707) 944-5548

South Central District - (559) 243-4005

Southern District - (760) 947-8859

Southern District Office - (562) 799-8381

You can also take a hunter education course online! For more information, visit the DFG Web site at:

www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/index.html

Hunting Guide Services

For a list of licensed California hunting guides, visit our Web page at:

www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/hunting/hunting.html

California Hunting Laws and Regulations

This booklet contains a summary of California's big game hunting laws and regulations. The full text of California's hunting regulations can be found in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, and in the California Fish and Game Code. Both can be found on the Fish & Game Commission Web site at

www.fgc.ca.gov/html/regs.html. Printed copies of the regulations are also available at DFG offices and license agents.

Other Public Hunting Contacts

For national forest maps and information contact the following offices. Many of the offices carry maps of several forests. Most maps are about \$6 each.

Mendocino NF, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-3316

Plumas NF, P.O. Box 11500, 159 Lawrence St., Quincy, CA 95971 (530) 283-2050

Plumas NF, 875 Mitchell Ave., Oroville, CA 95965 (530) 534-6500

Tahoe NF, P.O. Box 6003, Hwy 49 and Coyote St., Nevada City, CA 95959 (530) 265-4531

El Dorado NF, (530) 644-6048

Stanislaus NF, 19777 Greenley Rd., Sonora, CA (209) 532-3671

Shasta-Trinity NF, 2400 Washington Ave., Redding, CA (530) 246-5222

Six Rivers NF, 507 E. St., Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 442-1721

Lassen NF, 55 S. Sacramento St., Susanville, CA 96130 (530) 257-2151

Modoc NF, 441 N. Main St., Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-5811

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, CDPR, 400 Glen Dr., Oroville, CA 95966 (530) 538-2200 / 538-2219

Auburn State Recreation Area (35,000 acres), CDPR, 501 El Dorado St., Auburn, CA 95603 (530) 885-4527 / 988-0205

US Army Corps of Engineers properties open for hunting:

Black Butte Lake, USACE, 19225 Newville Rd., Orland, CA 95963-8901 (530) 865-4781

Englebright Lake, USACE, P.O. Box 6, Smartville, CA 95977 (530) 639-2342
New Hogan Lake, USACE, 2713 Hogan Dam Blvd., Valley Springs, CA 95252 (209) 772-1343

Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation areas open for hunting:

New Melones Lake, BOR, 6850 Studhorse Flat Rd., Sonora, CA 95370 (209) 536-9094

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Jackson Demonstration State Forest (50,200 acres) 802 N. Main St., Fort Bragg, CA 95437 (707) 964-5674

Boggs Mountain. Demonstration State Forest (3,493 acres) P.O. Box 839, Cobb, CA 95426 (707) 928-4378

Bureau of Land Management (BLM):

Bakersfield: 800 Truston Ave., 93301 (805) 861-4191

Susanville: 705 Hall St., 96130 (530) 257-5381

Redding: 355 Henstead Dr., 96001 (530) 2426-5325

Folsom: 63 Natoma St., 95630 (916) 985-4474

Carson City, NV: 1050 E. Williams St., 89701

Cow Mountain/Kings Range Recreation Areas/Cache Creek Public Access, 2550 N. State St., Ukiah, CA (707) 468-4000

2006/2007 Upland Game Seasons

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Pheasant	Nov. 11 - Dec. 24	2 males per day for first 2 days of the season; 3 males per day after first 2 days of the season.	Double daily bag
Archery Only	Nov. 11 - Jan. 9	2 pheasants per day for first 2 days of the season; 3 pheasants per day after first 2 days of the season. Daily archery bag may contain not more than 1 female pheasant.	Double daily bag
Quail: Zone A(Mountain Quail Only)	Sept. 9 - Oct. 20	10	Double daily bag
Zone A (All Quail)	Oct. 21 - Jan. 28		
Zone B	Sept. 30 - Jan. 28		
Zone C	Oct. 21 - Jan. 28		
Archery Only	Aug. 19 - Sept. 8		
Falconry Only	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28		
Chukar	Oct. 21 - Jan. 28	6	Double daily bag
Archery Only	Aug. 19 - Sept. 8		
Falconry Only	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28		
Sage Grouse* (Hunting by permit only)	Sept. 9 - 10	Lassen Zones-2 per day; 2 per season Inyo-Mono Zones-1 per day; 1 per season	
Falconry Only	Nov. 4 - Jan. 2		
Blue/Ruffed Grouse*	Sept. 9 - Oct. 9	2; All of one species or mixed	Double daily bag
Archery Only	Aug. 19 - Sept. 8		
Falconry Only	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28		
Ptarmigan*	Sept. 9 - 17	2 per day or season	2 per day or season
Falconry Only	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28		
*Wild Turkey (Fall) (no fall hunting in San Diego County)	Nov. 11 - 26	1 either sex	1 per season
Wild Turkey (Spring)	Mar. 31 - May 6	1 bearded	3 per season
Archery Only (Spring)	Mar. 31 - May 20		
Dove	Sept. 1 - 15 Nov. 11 - Dec. 25	10; All of one species or mixed	Double daily bag
Band-tailed Pigeon	Sept. 16 - 24 (North) Dec. 16 - 24 (South)	2	Double daily bag
Snipe	Oct. 21 - Feb. 4	8	Double daily bag
American Crow*	Dec. 2 - Apr. 4	24	Double daily bag
Tree Squirrel*	Sept. 9 - Jan. 28	4	4
Rabbits & Varying Hare*	Jul. 1 - Jan. 28	5	Double daily bag
Jackrabbit	All Year	No limit	No limit

* For these species, a portion of the state is closed to hunting. Check regulations.

Dove Hunting in the Great Valley

The mourning dove is the most abundant dove in North America and the most widely hunted and harvested game bird. Each year dove hunting regulation frameworks are established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Specific regulations governing the take of doves in California are then selected within these frameworks by the California Fish and Game Commission.

In California the 2006 Dove Season runs from Sept. 1-15, then reopens from Nov. 11-Dec. 25. The bag limit is 10 per day, 20 in possession. Shooting times are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Doves are often hunted near harvested grain fields such as wheat, barley, safflower or sunflowers. Doves prefer to feed on bare or nearly bare ground, so a mowed weed field can be attractive. When hunting the state wildlife areas as well as private lands, look for doves along the creeks, rivers, river sand bars, and other tree lined habitats. The first and last 2-3 hours of the day are usually when the doves are most active. Sierra Nevada foothill locations such as the Oroville and Spenceville wildlife areas, the coastal foothills, and many of the valley wildlife areas are good. Water sources such as canals and ponds can also be good places to sit and wait for the doves to come to you. **Several wildlife areas have utilized Upland Game Bird Stamp funds to plant safflower and sunflower to improve dove habitats and hunting.** It is illegal to scatter grain or other seed in a field which is hunted.

Frequently Asked Questions

About Dove Hunting

Are reservations necessary for hunting the northern California /Sacramento Valley wildlife areas?

No reservations are needed for hunting during the September dove season. There will be a check station on opening morning and a maximum of 75 hunters will allowed at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. A reservation may be useful during the late dove season on the Type A waterfowl hunting areas such as Upper Butte Basin, Gray Lodge, and Yolo Bypass wildlife areas.



Is there a charge?

There is no charge for hunting any of the DFG wildlife areas during the early dove season or the DFG's Type C wildlife areas during the late dove season. There is a fee charged (\$14.25/day) on the Type A waterfowl hunting areas when the waterfowl season begins.

On the following page is a list of public lands where doves are often found. Call the phone number for additional information and a map. A trip to one of these areas before dove season will let you know where the habitats and birds are located.

TIPS FOR DOVE HUNTERS

1. Pay \$1-2.00 more per box for high-quality trap and skeet loads. These shells have a more uniform consistency in powder, shot and pattern than discount shells.
2. Go to the trap and skeet range or sporting clays range. Reintroduce yourself to your shotgun and moving targets if it has been a few months since you last hunted.
3. Bring the sunglasses, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. If you can't see the birds coming out of the sun, if you are swatting insects, or feeling the skin burn, you can't shoot accurately.
4. Take a bottle of water and don't forget medicine that will relieve sinuses and allergies.
5. Scout the area before your hunt date, and call ahead for maps and other information about the area.

Public Places to Hunt Doves in Northern California

Sacramento Valley

Locations where safflower and sunflower are often planted in the spring:

•**Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area** – No planting this year due to very late spring rains. Type A area.

•**Little Dry Creek Unit**, 11 miles west of Gridley on Gridley Colusa Hwy and turn right at the wildlife area entrance to the self-registration check station.

•**Howard Slough Unit**, 11 miles west of Hwy 99 on Hwy 162 and turn right on ZZ Rd for 1 mile to the self-registration check station.

•**Llano Seco Unit**, 13 miles west of Hwy 99 and turn right on Z Rd/7 Mile Rd for 7 miles to the self-registration check station on the left. Entry for late season dove hunting on Sat., Sun., and Wed., controlled by waterfowl permit regulations. Call (530) 982-2169 for more info. Pick up maps at the check stations.

•**Oroville Wildlife Area** (10,000 acres) - No planting this year due to lack of personnel. Type C area. West of Oroville on Hwy 162. **Hunting along the Feather River is recommended.** (530) 538-2236.

•**Spenceville Wildlife Area** (11,213 acres) - Type C area. East of Marysville on Hwy 20 about 18 miles and turn right on Smartville Rd for 1 mile. **40 acres planted this year, and due to good spring rains, the plantings will likely do well. Five plots were planted S of Spenceville Rd, 1 plot south and 1 plot north of Long Ravine Rd, and 2 plots in the Horseshoe Flat Area.** (530) 538-2236.

•**Gray Lodge Wildlife Area** (9,200 acres) - Type A area. 10 miles east of Live Oak on Pennington and Almond Orchard roads, (530) 846-7500. **Hunting is best near the several (total of 80 acres) safflower and sunflower plots located near parking lots 4, 7, 9 and 13, and in the abandoned orchards. For early dove season, sign in at the self-registration booth located at Pennington and Rutherford roads where maps are located.** Entry for late season dove hunting on Sat., Sun., and Wed., is controlled by waterfowl permit regulations.

•**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area** (3,700 acres) - 3 miles east of Davis and 4 miles west of West Sacramento on I-80. From east bound I-80 take East Chiles Road exit and travel east 1/4 mile to the west levee access. From west bound I-80, take Frontage Rd exit immediately west to the west end of the Yolo Causeway, turn right at the stop sign and head south under freeway to west levee access. **The safflower plots went under water in April 2006 are were not replanted. There will be a check station open 2 hours before shoot time, on the opening morning only, for the first 75 hunters.** Self-registration after opening morning. Call DFG: (916) 358-2900 / (530) 757-2461.

Dove hunting locations where safflower and sunflower are not planted:

•**Black Butte Reservoir** (3,000 acres) – 25 miles west of Chico via Hwy 32 on County Road 200 (Newville Road). U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (530) 865-4781. Web site www.spk.usace.army.mil/cespk-co/lakes or email blackbutte-info@spk.usace.army.mil.

•**Sacramento River Wildlife Area** – Type C area. (Butte/Glenn/Colusa counties) – Pine Creek, Jacinto, Shannon Slough, and Princeton Units. Access is mainly by boat except for the Shannon Slough Unit. The Sacramento River habitat is generally heavily wooded. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

•**Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area** (3,766 acres) - Type C area. 10 miles west of Yuba City via Hwy 20 or Franklin Road or Oswald Road or Hwy 113. (Look for the privately owned safflower or wheat fields adjacent to the Sutter Bypass Levee.) You must stay on the Sutter Bypass levee to hunt doves. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

•**Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area** (1,248 acres) – Type C area. 1 1/2 miles north of Colusa on River Rd. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

•**Feather River Wildlife Area** (2,200 acres in 5 separate properties) - Type C areas. 10-15 miles south of Yuba City and Marysville. **Abbott Lake and the O'Connor Lakes Units** are south of Yuba City on Garden Highway at the end of Star Bend Rd. **The Nelson Slough Unit** is under the Hwy 99 Bridge near Nicolaus. **Sheep are grazing the Nelson Slough lands during the summer of 2006 to reduce the star thistle and other annual weeds. This new management may improve the areas attraction to dove.** **The Star Bend and Lake of the Woods Units** are south of Marysville on Feather River Blvd and accessible from the Star Bend Fishing Access. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

•**Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area** (2,357 acres) - 21 miles east of Marysville via Hwy 20, Marysville Rd and Dolan Harding Rd. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

•**White Slough Wildlife Area** (880 acres) - Seven miles west of Lodi. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

•**New Hogan Lake** (400 acres available for hunting) - 30 miles east of Stockton. US Army Corps of Engineers (209) 772-1343.

•**New Melones Lake** (25,000 acres) - 25 miles east of Oakdale. Bureau of Reclamation (209) 536-9094.

COASTAL AREA - Dove hunting in the north and central portions of the Central Coast Region is generally fair because cold weather before the Sept. 1 opener sends many doves south. If we are lucky and do not have the cold period, however, dove hunting can be good to excellent.

•**Cache Creek Wildlife Area** (3,860 acres of DFG land) and **Cache Creek Management Area** (70,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo, and Colusa counties - From Williams on I-5, go west about 33 miles on Hwy 20 to the parking lot on the south side of the highway. This parking lot is also about 8 miles east of Clearlake Oaks. DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000.

•**Indian Valley Wildlife Area** (4,990 acres of DFG land) and **Indian Valley Management Area** (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties – About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Hwy 20 turn north on Walker Ridge Rd. Call DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000.

•**Cow Mountain Recreation Area** (60,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Mendocino counties – Access from Ukiah (about 8-10 miles): Hwy 101 to Talmadge Rd to East Side Rd to Mill Creek Rd to the Recreation Area. Access from Lakeport: Take 11th Street exit from Hwy 29 west to Scotts Valley Road, then left on Riggs Road to Scotts Creek Road and the Recreation Area. BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000. Mendocino NF - U. S. Forest Service at (530) 934-3316.

•**Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, Wingo and Huichica Units** – Six miles south of Sonoma – Wingo Unit is on Millerex Rd and the Huichica Creek Unit is on Buchli Station Rd. Call DFG at (707) 944-5500.

San Joaquin Valley

The following San Joaquin Valley wildlife areas have a quota or drawing for all or part of the following areas:

•**Los Banos Wildlife Area** will have two restricted hunt areas on opening day, Sept. 1, with a total hunter capacity of 100. Hunters without reservations will be allowed on the balance of the area. Permits to hunt will be issued at the area office until 12 noon. After noon, permits will be by self-registration and all the hunting areas are open to general use. Total capacity of the area will be 200 hunters. The area will remain open for birding, sightseeing, fishing, frogging, and dog training. However, camping will be restricted to the main parking lot Thursday, Aug. 31. The hunt is as follows: **Hunt M:** Sept. 1. For additional information, contact the DFG's Los Banos Wildlife Area at (209) 826-0463.

•**Salt Slough Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife Area** will be divided into three sections (northern, middle and southern sections) with reservations being issued for 150 hunters for Sept. 1. Section selection will be made at the check station. Any space available at one-half hour before legal shoot time will be filled by non-reservation hunters. Section quotas will be filled until 12:00 p.m., after 12:00 p.m. the area will be open to free roam hunting. **Hunt N:** Sept. 1. •**Gadwall and Volta Wildlife Areas** will be closed to all dove hunting.

How to Apply for San Joaquin Valley Dove Hunts

To be eligible for the drawing, **hunters must submit in writing their choice of hunts listed in order of preference.** Hunters will be selected by a computerized drawing for one hunt only. Applications may include up to two hunters applying as a party. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for yourself and your guest: (1) hunt area (i.e. Los Banos [M]), (2) name, (3) address, (4) daytime and evening telephone number, (5) 2006-2007 hunting license number and (6) if you have a mobility impairment and need special accommodations.

Hunters may only apply once, either as an applicant or as a guest for each hunt. Submitting multiple applications will disqualify you from the drawing. Please make your selection(s) carefully. Changes cannot be made after the drawing. Applications must be returned to: **San Joaquin Valley Dove Hunts, DFG, 1234 East Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93710.**

Applications must be received by **Friday, Aug. 4, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.** to be eligible for the drawing. **Only successful applicants will be notified** and supplied with additional information about their hunt. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older). An Upland Game Bird stamp is required of all hunters, except junior license holders. This information and application can be found by visiting the DFG Web page at www.dfg.ca.gov.

GAME BIRD HERITAGE SPECIAL DOVE HUNT APPLICATION - 2006
Cosumnes River Preserve on Hwy 99 between Elk Grove and Galt

California Department of Fish & Game
 Sacramento Valley Central Sierra Region

*****APPLY NOW*****

Please check the boxes below for the hunts you would like to apply for. You may apply for any hunt and any dates but you will only be drawn for one dove hunt. Multiple applications will not be accepted and will result in disqualification.

This section must be complete to qualify for the drawing. You may apply as a party of up to four, as long as all hunter's names and hunting license numbers appear.

Contact Address & Phone #:

Name: _____ License #: _____ _____
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Hunt Number	Area	Date	Check to Apply
1	Dillard Road	Sept. 1, 2006	
2	Dillard Road	Sept. 2, 2006	

Hunt Number	Area	Date	Check to Apply
3	Arno Road	Sept.1, 2006	
4	Arno Road	Sept.2, 2006	

- The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.**
- The computer drawing will be the Thursday following the deadline.
- Successful applicants will be notified by mail 3-5 days after the drawing.
- Non-hunters may accompany you on the hunt and do not need to be declared on the application.
- This hunt is free and open to all legal hunters.
- Exchanges or replacement of absent hunters will not occur.
- This drawing is for a hunt opportunity; these fields are not planted with safflower or grain

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 • **Mail to: Department of Fish and Game** •
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 • **1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A,** •
 • **Rancho Cordova, CA 95670** •
 • **For Questions Call: 916-358-2839** •

The “ABCs” of Wildlife Areas and Federal Refuges

The DFG manages over 800,000 acres of land in California. Most of those lands are classified as Type A, B, or C wildlife areas. The DFG also operates the hunting programs on many of the federally owned national wildlife refuges (NWR).

Type A and B Wildlife Areas - These are the high quality waterfowl/pheasant areas with check stations that are located throughout the state. As a rule, hunting is on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. The Type A areas require a daily pass (\$14.25), a 2-day pass (\$24.25), or a Type A season pass (\$112.25). The Type B areas require the Type A or B (\$37.25) season pass.

Other types of hunting such as dove, deer, and rabbits are also available on many of these areas.

The Type A areas include: Colusa NWR, Delevan NWR, Sacramento NWR, Sutter NWR, Gray Lodge WA, Yolo Bypass WA, Upper Butte Basin WA (Howard Slough, Little Dry Creek and Llano Seco Units), Grizzly Island WA, (also see Type B list), Los Banos WA, Mendota WA, Volta WA, San Luis NWR, Merced NWR, North Grasslands WA (China Island, Gadwall and Salt Slough

Units), Imperial WA (Wister Unit), Kern NWR, Salton Sea NWR, and San Jacinto WA.

The Type B areas include: Grizzly Island WA (Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough, and Island Slough Units), Ash Creek WA, Butte Valley WA, Honey Lake WA, Shasta Valley WA, and Willow Creek WA.

Type C Wildlife Areas - These are the majority of the wildlife areas and there is no fee charged for hunting these areas. Hunting days are usually daily and permits are not needed except for the busy days, e.g., first nine days of the spring turkey hunt at the Spenceville and Daugherty Hill wildlife areas or a Sat., Sun., Wed., schedule such as at the Clifton Court Forebay. There are dozens of these wildlife areas located throughout the state where hunters can hunt rabbits, dove, tree squirrels, deer, quail, wild turkey, and waterfowl and more any day of the week during legal seasons with some exceptions. Read the *Hunting Regulations for Waterfowl, Upland Game, and State and Federal Areas*.



Sean and Reece Coulter enjoyed a successful pheasant hunt at the Rancho Jamul Wildlife Area.

For more information on the hunting/fishing opportunities available on the many wildlife areas, calling DFG regional offices listed on page 4.

Dove Hunting Results 2005

From Selected Wildlife Areas

Wildlife Area	Date	Doves	Hunters	Average
Oroville	No check station			
Spenceville	Sept. 1	650	298	2.2
Cosumnes-Dillard	Sept. 1-9	15	57	.26
		44	.20	
Cosumnes-Arno	Sept. 1-2	10	30	.33
		14	15	.93
Yolo	No check station			
Upper Butte Basin				
Llano Seco Unit	Sept. 1	172	109	1.6
Howard Slough Unit	Sept. 1	140	70	2
Little Dry Creek Unit	Sept. 1	no data		
Gray Lodge	Sept. 1	447	187	2.4
	Sept. 2	63	57	1.1
	Sept. 3-15	609	386	1.6



Gray Squirrel Hunting



Squirrels live in lots of places in California. Learning a little about the ecology of squirrels will allow you to better understand where and how to hunt squirrels. Several species of tree squirrel occur in California; however only the western grey squirrel provides extensive and worthwhile hunting and eating opportunity. They are fairly common in mature stands of most conifer, hardwood and mixed hardwood conifer habitats throughout the national forests of California. They are also found in riparian woodlands along the many Central Valley rivers. They require hollow trees or will build a stick nest. Food varies seasonally; however acorns are an important summer, fall and winter food. Grey squirrels are non-migratory. Home ranges vary from about .5 to 2.5 acres in size.

Look around and under pine and nut trees. Gnawed nut shells and other food debris will tell you if the tree is regularly inhabited. As nervous and alert as they are, the squirrels will see you before you see them. It is wise to enter an area quietly, get comfortable, and wait for the little creatures to accept you as part of the environment.

What do you need to go squirrel hunting? A shotgun of any gauge or a small caliber rifle like a .22 caliber semi-automatic can be used. If you are new to squirrel hunting, a shotgun with number 6 shot is best. Shotguns are better as the squirrels tend to jump from tree to tree a lot, but the shot can be a problem when eating—the ultimate goal. Dress for the weather and bring food and water. Know where you are before you decide where to go. That way you will get back to your vehicle in time for dinner.

Where to go? In the central part of the state the best opportunity to hunt grey squirrels occurs on national forest land within the range of black oaks and mixed black oaks with conifers. This may be, depending on latitude, from about 2,000 to 6,000 feet in elevation. In the Sierra, Highways 120, 108, 4, 88, 50, 80, 20, 70 and 36 will all get you into tree squirrel habitats. In the Coast Range, try the Mendocino National Forest. They can also be found along the Central Valley rivers and oak woodlands. You can combine a squirrel/mountain quail hunt when the seasons overlap in the mountains and a squirrel/valley quail hunt when their seasons overlap in the Central Valley and foothills.

Get your gear together—an ice chest to store your lunch and the squirrels you are going to bag—and start looking. When you are sure you are in good squirrel habitat, it's time to go hunting.

Basically, you can stalk these critters or sit on a rock, tree stump or folding chair and wait. A combination of the two usually works best. Stalk till you find a concentration and then wait them out. Your chance will come when they can't sit still any longer. Pack some food and drink with you for it may be a little wait.

Once you've killed some squirrels, it's time to clean them. Gut as soon as possible, skin and bag them. Keep them cool. Squirrel is normally very mild flavored and tender.

Remember, in California the daily bag and possession limit for tree squirrels is 4 per day and 4 in possession.

The tree squirrel general season begins the second Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January (Sept. 9, 2006- Jan. 28, 2007).

This applies to the counties of Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba, and that portion of Kern County lying east of I-5. The remainder of the state is closed to the take of tree squirrels.

Archery and Falconry Tree Squirrel Season and Area: Tree squirrels may be taken with bow and arrow, or raptors only, during the tree squirrel general season and as follows: the counties of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne and Yuba: and that portion of Kern lying east of Interstate 5 shall open on the first Saturday in August extending through the day before general tree squirrel season (**August 5 -Sept. 8, 2006**).

Following is a list of public lands where squirrels are often found. Call the phone number for additional information and a map. Central Valley DFG wildlife areas are restricted to shotgun and archery hunting only.

Places to Hunt Squirrels in the Central Valley

- **National Forests of California** -

Check the Information Page for phone numbers of the national forest offices, or for any forest map contact: U.S. Forest Service, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 at (707) 562-8737 or with a credit card call (928) 443-8285. U.S. Forest Service maps are about \$6 each. Plan a weekend and camp out at one of the many campgrounds.

- **Tehama Wildlife Area (44,601 acres)**

- Type C area - 25 miles east of Red Bluff on Highway 36 to Plum Creek Road; or east of Red Bluff on Hogsback Road. Tree squirrels found along Plum Creek, Durley Flat, Antelope and Oak Creeks. Call DFG at (530) 597-2201.

- **Sacramento River Wildlife Area** -

Type C areas - (Butte/Glenn/Colusa Counties) - Pine Creek, Jacinto, Shannon Slough, and Princeton units. Access is mainly by boat except for the Shannon Slough Unit. The Sacramento River habitat is generally heavily wooded. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900. Shotgun and archery hunting only.

- **Oroville Wildlife Area (10,000 acres)**

- Type C area - West of Oroville on Highway 162, (530) 538-2236. Shotgun and archery hunting only.

- **Spenceville Wildlife Area (11,213 acres)**

- Type C area - East of

Marysville on Highway about 18 miles and turn right on Smartville Road for 1 mile, (530) 538-2236.

- **Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (4,200 acres)**

- 21 miles east of Marysville via Hwy 20, Marysville Road and Dolan Harding Road, DFG 2 at (916) 358-2900.

- **Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (3766 acres)**

- Type C area - 10 miles west of Yuba City via Highway 20 or Franklin Road or Oswald Road or Highway 113. DFG, (916) 358-2900. Shotgun and archery hunting only.

- **Feather River Wildlife Area (2200 acres in 5 separate properties)**

- Type C areas - 10-15 miles south of Yuba City and Marysville. Abbott Lake and the O'Connor Lakes units are south of Yuba City on Garden Highway at the end of Star Bend Road. The Nelson Slough Unit is under the Highway 99 Bridge near Nicolaus.

The Star Bend and Lake of the Woods units are south of Marysville on Feather River Boulevard and accessible from the Star Bend Fishing Access. DFG, (916) 358-2900. Shotgun and archery hunting only.

- **Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres)**

- South of Interstate 80 near Auburn. Department of Parks and Recreation (530) 885-4527/988-0205.

- **Knoxville Area in Lake and Napa counties:**

Take Knoxville Devilhead Road

Road off of Berryessa Knoxville Road just north of Knoxville. This is the only road into area. Access restricted to foot or horse traffic. BLM in Ukiah (707) 462-3873.

- **Cache Creek Wildlife Area (3,860 acres of DFG land) and Cache Creek Management Area (70,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo, and Colusa Counties**

- From Williams on I-5, go west about 33 miles on Highway 20 to the parking lot on the south side of the highway. This parking lot is also about 8 miles east of Clearlake Oaks. DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 462-3873.

- **Indian Valley Wildlife Area (4,990 acres of DFG land) and Indian Valley Management Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa counties**

- About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 turn north on Walker Ridge Road. DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 462-3873.

You can also print wildlife area maps by going online to the DFG home page at www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/wa and clicking on the DFG region you want to hunt.

Free Northern California Wildlife Area Map Booklet – June 2003 Edition

Don't know where the huntable public lands are located? Here is a good place to start. Make a trip to these areas this spring/summer to familiarize yourself with them.

Free maps for the following public lands are available from the DFG by calling (530) 743-5068. Mention free **MAP BOOKLET** and leave your mailing address on the recorder. The following maps are available: White Slough WA - San Joaquin County; New Hogan Lake - Calaveras County; Oroville and Gray Lodge wildlife areas in Butte County; Putah Creek Wildlife Area - Solano County; Black Butte Lake - Tehama/Glenn counties; Abbott/

O'Connor lakes, and Nelson Slough wildlife areas in Sutter County; Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area - Sacramento County; Lake of the Woods and Daugherty Hill wildlife areas in Yuba County; Spenceville wildlife area - Yuba/Nevada counties; Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Area Map, Grizzly Island Wildlife Area - Solano County; Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area - Yolo County; Llano Seco, Howard Slough and Little Dry Creek units of the Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area in Butte/Glenn counties; Tehama Wildlife Area in Tehama County; Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa and Sutter national wildlife refuges; the public lands around Clear Lake including the Cache Creek and Indian Valley wildlife

areas, Cow Mountain, Knoxville and Sheldon Creek recreation areas, the Cedar Roughs Area and the Boggs Mountain State Forest; Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area near Vallejo and habitat projects such as conservation easements, mourning dove nest cones, rockpiles/brushpiles, wood duck and bluebird box plans.

You can also print wildlife area maps by going on line to the DFG homepage at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/wa> and clicking on the DFG region you want to hunt for maps of that area.

Anti-Hunters and Anti-Hunting Attitudes are a Reality

We would like to provide some tips on how you can project a positive image of hunting to the non-hunters around you. By joining us in this effort, you can help preserve California's hunting opportunities for years to come.

The Rules of the Game

Know and follow the rules and regulations that apply to the areas and game you are hunting. Read the new regulation booklet each year. Some rules and regulations may change from season to season.

Zero Tolerance

Show no tolerance for slob hunters and those engaged in illegal or unethical practices like hunting while intoxicated, trespassing and poaching. Report any illegal activity you encounter as soon as possible. Call 1-888-DFG-CALTIP (888-334-2258) to report poachers and polluters.

No Rambos

Be aware of your appearance in public. Walking into a store or cafe wearing blood stained clothes with knives and live rounds hanging from your clothing does nothing to improve hunters' images among non-hunters.

Respectfully Yours

Don't display your game in a disrespectful manner. A dead deer strapped to the hood of your pickup truck with a cigar hanging out of its mouth may seem comical to some, but is simply crass to many non-hunters. Cover your game as best you can; the sight of a dead animal can be very disturbing to non-hunters.

Shape It Up

Be as physically and mentally prepared for the hunt as possible. You may have to track a wounded animal. Being physically fit will aid your ability to quickly locate the wounded animal and end any prolonged suffering. Practice your archery skills year-round if you plan to bow hunt. Sight your firearms in carefully. Improved accuracy will improve your chances of earning a clean kill.

Avoid Hunting Near Homes

Fish and Game Code 3004 – "It is unlawful for any person, other than the owner, person in possession of the premises, or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises, to hunt or to discharge while hunting, any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards of

any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith." The 150-yard area is a "safety zone."

The discharge of a firearm near a residence is very scary to most people. Though you know the discharge of your weapon was in a safe direction, others do not. Be aware of where you are hunting and stay a long ways away from homes, barns, or other buildings where people may be.

Prove Them Wrong

Anti-hunters believe hunters are concerned only with preserving game animals. Go out of your way to disprove this notion. Learn as much as you can about wildlife and its habitats. Support the DFG's non-game and non-consumptive use programs. Show non-hunters your concern with preservation of *all* forms of wildlife.

The future of hunting is up to you. What you do and how you act will have much to do with the future of hunting for years to come. Thank you for your cooperation and good hunting.

Get the Lead Out of Condor Range



Brown shading, above, depicts the range of the endangered California condor.

If you hunt in California condor range, you are being asked to get the lead out. Following reports that lead ammunition is contributing to the high lead levels documented in some wild condors, the DFG and other conservation groups are asking hunters in condor range (parts of the counties of Tulare, Kern, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, and San Benito) to remove lead from the area by following a few simple steps:

- Retrieve all killed animals (including coyotes and small game) from the field, or
- Hide carcasses or gut piles by burying them, covering them with brush or rocks, or placing them in an inaccessible area, or
- Remove bullets and surrounding impacted flesh when leaving carcasses or gut piles in the field, or
- Use lead-free ammunition, in which case none of the above is needed.

What Hunters Should Know About Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

Highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza (HPAI H5N1) is primarily a bird disease that is particular to domestic poultry, but can also infect most other wild and domestic birds and, to a lesser extent, mammals. It is one of many types of avian influenza viruses. The HPAI H5N1 virus that is causing high mortality in poultry and wild birds in other countries has been identified in Asia, Africa, India, and Europe, but to date has not been found in North America.

Below are a few commonly asked questions about Avian Influenza (AI).

Q: Can humans catch AI from wild birds?

A: One incident of humans contracting AI from wild birds has been documented. In this case, young women from a village in Asia were defeathering wild swans which had died from the virus. The direct, intense contact with the blood, secretions and feces facilitated the illnesses.

Q: How could HPAI H5N1 enter North America?

A: HPAI H5N1 is most likely to enter through the movement of infected poultry, legal or illegal importation of contaminated birds or bird products, or migratory waterfowl and shorebirds.

Q: Should bird hunters be concerned about HPAI H5N1?

A: Because HPAI H5N1 has not arrived in North America, hunters do not need to be overly concerned at the present time about AI, but all hunters

should practice good hygiene in the field when working with any wild bird or mammal. Good hygiene, proper preparation and cooking procedures will prevent infection from a variety of germs and viruses, like AI.

Q: How can I protect myself from potential bird diseases while hunting?

A: The following suggestions are precautions that hunters should follow normally when hunting:

- Do not handle birds that are obviously sick.
- Keep your game birds cool, clean, and dry.
- Place birds in washable container for transport (ice chest etc. that can be sanitized)
- Wash hands before eating, smoking, drinking (use hand sanitizer in duck blinds)
- Use disposable gloves when cleaning game.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes after dressing birds.
- Clean all tools and surfaces immediately afterward; use hot soapy water, then disinfect with a 10 percent chlorine bleach solution (1/4 cup bleach to 1 gallon water) or use Lysol concentrated disinfectant.
- Use disposable gloves during field prep, cleanable work space, proper disposal of feathers/innards.
- Cook game meat thoroughly (155-

165°F) to kill disease organisms.

- Clean clothes, boots, back of truck, bird prep station well
- Cook all wild birds well, using proper sanitary practices in the kitchen (wash counters and cookware thoroughly) and when handling the raw meat.

Q: Are bird hunting dogs at risk of getting HPAI H5N1?

A: Dogs exposed to avian influenza have developed antibodies. They do not seem to become ill, but contact with dog saliva

and feces should be minimized. Wash hands frequently and avoid letting the dog lick hands or faces.

Q: Who do I call if I find a dead bird?

A: For domestically reared birds, call the California Dept. of Food and Agriculture at **800-491-1899**;

For single sick or dead birds, call the West Nile Virus Hotline at **877-968-2473**;

For five or more dead wild birds observed over short period of time (at once or over 2-3 days), contact your local DFG office. (Telephone numbers are listed on page 4.)

For more information about avian influenza, visit:
www.dfg.ca.gov/avianflu



Protect California's Deer & Elk from CWD

Don't risk a ticket!

**If you hunt deer or elk out-of-state,
you may only bring into California:**

boned-out or commercially processed meat -
meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached -
clean skull plates - antlers with no meat or tissue attached -
finished taxidermy heads - upper canine teeth

For More Information: www.cwd-info.org

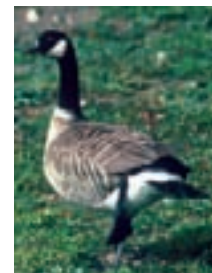
Did You Know...

Humming-
birds only
weigh only
one-tenth of an
ounce (or three
grams). That
is the same as
a penny.



Deer grow new antlers every year. Antlers are covered with a soft skin called velvet that deer rub off once the antlers are fully grown.

Conservation during the last 30 years has helped the Aleutian Canada goose population in California increase from 800 to 100,000.



Black-tailed deer live most of their life in the area where they are born, while other mule deer migrate 50 miles or more each year to escape the winter snow of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Chinook salmon can live up to nine years and can grow to more than 100 pounds.



When a female mallard lays eggs in the spring she lays one egg every day or two until she has a full clutch (8-15 eggs).

On the Web:

Deer Spot Kill Maps of the Sacramento-Central Sierra Region

Each year DFG biologists plot the location of deer harvested in California on deer spot kill maps. The kill location information is taken from the deer tags required to be filled out and returned when the deer is harvested. These maps can give a general location of where deer hunting takes place in a particular county. Maps can be printed from the Web for the following counties for the years 2002-2005: Glenn, Colusa, Yolo, Solano, Butte, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yuba, Sutter, Sacramento, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, and San Joaquin. The information is broken down by opening weekend, mid-season, closing week and take by archery. Go on the Web to: www.dfg.ca.gov/reg2/spotkill.



Sage Grouse Hunting In Eastern California

The DFG is now accepting applications for the annual sage grouse hunts. The 2006 sage grouse hunting season is Sept. 9 and 10, 2006.

As in previous years, hunts are scheduled for portions of Lassen, Mono and Inyo counties. In Lassen County, the proposed bag limit is two sage grouse per season. In the Mono and Inyo areas, the proposed bag limit is one grouse per season. There is plenty of public land available for hunting as much of sage grouse territory is made up of BLM land. Hunters are advised to bring plenty of water and be prepared for rugged terrain and hot, dry conditions.

In order to hunt sage grouse, hunters must be drawn for a sage grouse hunting permit. The permits are issued by a random drawing at the DFG's License and Revenue Branch. Hunters may apply for only one of the four sage grouse hunting zones (East Lassen, Central Lassen, North Mono and South Mono-Inyo). In addition, all sage grouse hunters are required to have an Upland Game Bird Stamp.

Sage grouse permit applications must be received at the License and Revenue Branch by 5:00pm, Aug. 14, 2006.

Hunters may apply for a sage grouse permit by sending a postcard with the required information to: Department of Fish and Game, Sage Grouse Permit Drawing, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, California, 95816. To apply for a sage grouse permit online visit the License and Revenue Branch home page at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ and click on the Sage Grouse Permit Drawing Application link.

All applications must include the hunter's name, 2006/2007 California hunting license number, mailing address and the hunt zone choice. Hunters may apply in parties of up to four, but each hunter needs to list his or her name, mailing address, and 2006/2007 hunting license number on the application. Each hunter may submit only one application for one hunt area. Incomplete applications and those with invalid hunting license numbers will be disqualified.

Falconers may also apply for sage grouse permits but must write "Falconry Only" on their applications. Check current regulations after the August Fish and Game Commission meeting for season dates (normally Nov-Jan.).

The sage grouse, or "sage hen" as it is commonly called, is the largest native grouse in North America. Among the fowl-like birds, only the turkey is larger than the sage grouse. The sage grouse ranges from the Oregon border along the east side of the Cascade Range and Sierra Nevada to northern Inyo County. Lassen and Mono Counties have the most stable populations. The East Lassen and Central Lassen Hunting Zones are located in the Susanville-Eagle Lake-Ravendale portion of Lassen County. The North Mono Hunting Zone is south of Bridgeport and the South Mono-Inyo Hunting Zone is near Bishop. Maps will be sent to those who are successfully drawn.

Young sage grouse are excellent eating and are considered a prized game bird by those who hunt them. Older birds may be tough and often have a strong sage flavor as a result of their diet. This flavor can often be prevented by cleaning the bird quickly after it is shot.

Hunters wanting more information about the sage grouse permit drawings can contact the DFG's Glenn Underwood at (916) 227-2268.

Hunting & Fishing Opportunities in Northern California

Deer, Quail, Spring Turkey Hunting and Trout Fishing – Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve

The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, located 9 miles east of Chico, is private property owned by the CSU Chico Research Foundation with about 3,000 acres available for hunting. The mission of the reserve is to preserve critical habitat and provide a natural area for environmental research and education. As part of the purchase agreement, the Research Foundation cooperatively developed a program with the DFG to allow hunting and fishing. Hunting and fishing is allowed on the reserve by permit only. This program provides a unique opportunity to gain access to property that would otherwise be closed to the general public for deer, quail and spring turkey hunting.

All hunters must have a valid California hunting license, deer tags and/or bird stamps before applying for any hunt on the BCCER. All California Fish and Game Code laws apply. To insure that all interested parties get an equal chance for a hunting date, a random lottery system is used. There is a \$35 per person fee.

Deer Hunting Opportunity For G1 and C4 Deer Tag Holders

The BCCER offers a unique opportunity to hunt deer in a setting that is becoming more and more uncommon in California. The reserve straddles Big Chico Creek, one of the southernmost drainages of the Cascade Range. The topography is steep, characteristic of the rim-rock, volcanic canyons of this part of the range. The vegetation is varied, with open oak woodlands, areas of heavy brush and cover, and a mature riparian zone along the creek. During the early part of the season it can be quite hot and dry. Hunters should be prepared for the heat and should be in top physical condition.

Before applying, you must already possess a regular season C4 deer tag or a late season G1 deer tag. (The C4 tags were available over the counter but have sold out; the G1 tags were available only through the DFG's big game drawing.)

For the C4 hunt, all hunt periods are two days long. Every hunt period will fall on either a Friday and Saturday or a Sunday and Monday. The 2006 C4 hunt periods are: Period 1 - **Sept. 17, 18**. Period 2 - **Sept. 22, 23**. Period 3 - **Sept. 29, 30**.

For the G1 season, hunters who are drawn will have hunting access on the reserve for all nine days of the season. The 2006 G1 Deer Hunt period is: **Oct. 28- Nov. 5**.

Important Deadlines

The deadline for receiving drawing applications for the C4 and G1 hunts is **Aug. 7, 2006**. All applications received after this date will be rejected from the drawing.

The drawing for deer hunts on the BCCER will be held **Aug. 17, 2006**. Successful applicants will be notified.

Application

Each person is allowed one application as the primary applicant, per hunt period. There is a \$5.00 application fee for each hunt period application. Example: If you apply as the primary applicant for 3 hunt periods on one application, send \$15.00. Each primary applicant is allowed up to two guests, who may hunt or observe. Hunters who are guests on one application are allowed to apply as the primary applicant on a separate application. Hunters are not allowed to submit multiple applications, as the primary applicant, for the same hunt date or applications will be disqualified from the drawing process. The hunter information phone number is (530)898-6977.

For each applicant and guest on the application include: Name, age if minor, address, daytime phone number, evening phone number, hunting license number, and the C4 Deer Hunt Period or G1 Deer Hunt Period. Make \$5 check payable to "Research Foundation."

Return completed deer hunting application to:
BCCER Hunt Program
CSU, Chico
400 West First Street
Chico, CA 95929-0215

Special G1 Auction Deer Hunts

As a means of fundraising for the reserve, the University Research Foundation sells seven permits for the G-1 season. These permits are sold at the California Deer Association (CDA) dinner banquets each year. All seven permits have been sold this year but they will be available again next year through CDA. For more information, please contact CDA at www.caldeer.org.

Quail

Quail hunting on the Reserve begins **Dec. 1** and goes through the end of the regular season in January. There is no longer vehicle access to the Musty Buck Ridge so hunters must enter the canyon at Hwy 32 and park adjacent to Big Chico Creek. To access the west side of the creek, hunters must cross the stream which is difficult to impossible during high water flows. The best hunting is on Musty Buck

Ridge, an uphill 1/2- to 3/4-mile climb from the stream. To get a \$35 per person, 2-day permit to hunt quail, call (530) 898-6977.

Spring Turkey

The drawing for spring turkey will take place in **February or March**. There will be a separate mailing and application for the spring turkey season which will be mailed out in February. Leave your name, mailing address and phone number and your interest in receiving a spring turkey hunt application at the (530) 898-6977 phone number.

Trout Fishing in Big Chico Creek

Trout season on Big Chico Creek from Bear Hole to the upper boundary of Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve is from **Nov. 15, 2006 to Feb. 15, 2007**. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used with a zero bag limit. Call (530)898-6977 for a permit.

Just For Junior Hunters: Cañada De Los Osos Ecological Reserve

The DFG, in cooperation with the California Deer Association (CDA), will again be hosting junior hunting opportunities on the 4,200-acre Cañada De Los Osos Ecological Reserve in Santa Clara County this year—the third year for this very successful program. A new feature is the combined upland game bird hunt on **Nov. 18-19**, offering the opportunity to hunt quail and dove as well as turkey.

The next junior hunt will be held **Sept. 9-10**, and will be for deer only. Four junior hunters will be chosen by drawing to participate. All juniors must be accompanied by an adult. The day includes classroom, range and field assistance in the techniques of gun handling and safety, turkey hunting and game care. There will be shooting practice as well as instruction on wildlife and hunting. Participants will be guided on their hunts by CDA volunteers. This will be a two-day event, with overnight lodging available in nearby Gilroy. Lunch on the second day will be provided by CDA. To apply for this hunt, applicants need to submit a postcard with the hunter's name, address, telephone number, and 2006-2007 junior hunting license number to:

California Department of Fish & Game
20 Lower Ragsdale Road
Monterey, CA 93940
Attn: CDLO Spring Turkey Hunt

Applicants may submit only one application for this hunt and applications need to be received at the

address above by **5:00 p.m., Aug. 9, 2006.**

Applications received late or incomplete will not be considered in the draw. Applicants will be notified of the results by mail and will receive additional information, including maps and special regulations, prior to their hunt.

The hunt schedule is as follows:

Hunt	Hunt Dates	# Juniors	Deadline
Deer	Sept. 9-10	4	Aug. 9
Pig	Oct. 14-15	5	Sept. 14
Upland			
Game Bird	Nov. 18-19	5	Oct. 18

Applications for these hunts will also be by postcard submitted to the address above, indicating the desired hunt on the front.

DFG Announces Repeal of Temporary Limits on Sturgeon Harvest

Recent 120-day emergency regulations on white sturgeon and green sturgeon will be repealed Jul. 19, the DFG has announced. The 46- to 56-inch (total length) slot limit on white sturgeon and the zero-bag limit on green sturgeon, both in temporary effect since **Mar. 20, 2006**, will again be 46 to 72 inches (total length) and the sturgeon daily bag and possession limits will again be one fish.

The temporary slot and bag limits were intended to increase the spawning potential of white sturgeon and green sturgeon in 2006. Preliminary information suggests that sturgeon spawning in 2006 was successful due to the combination of unusually high and persistent river flows in the Sacramento-San Joaquin river system, the temporary limits on sturgeon harvest, and voluntary catch-and-release of legal-sized sturgeon by conservation-minded anglers.

White sturgeon are the object of a popular year-round sport fishery conducted primarily in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River System and San Francisco Estuary. They are often targeted for illegal harvest and commercial trade for their roe, which are processed into caviar, and flesh. The green sturgeon is a threatened species under the Federal Endangered Species Act. As with sturgeon world-wide, populations of both species are particularly sensitive to habitat loss, habitat degradation, and overharvest. Protection of the white sturgeon fishery and conservation of both species warrant ongoing and additional habitat protection and law enforcement, as well as sufficiently protective sport fishing regulations.

In public meetings this fall the California Fish and Game Commission will consider proposals for sport fishing regulations submitted by the public and DFG for implementation in 2007. DFG will evaluate proposals to the Commission for regulations on sport fishing for sturgeon by considering the biology and status of sturgeon, the sturgeon fishery, and public opinion compiled by DFG on the merits and feasibility of potential regulations.

Junior Pheasant Hunt

Junior hunters will have the opportunity to hunt pheasants at the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge this fall on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Advance reservations are required and applications will be accepted by mail through **Nov. 3, 2006**. Only hunters possessing a valid California Junior hunting license may apply. Up to four hunters may apply together as a party. Junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult (18 years or older) with no more than two junior hunters per adult. The procedure for submitting applications is as follows:

1. Use only standard Postal Service postcards (3.5" x 5.5").
2. Type or print clearly.
3. List the name, address and hunting license number for each person (up to 4) requesting permits. Zip codes must be correct.
4. Hunters must specify that the application is for the Junior Pheasant Hunt.
5. A parent or legal guardian must sign for each applicant.
6. Mail postcards to:

**Steve Clay, Refuge Manager
Modoc NWR
PO Box 1610
Alturas, CA 96101**

Only cards received by Nov. 3, 2006 will be accepted. Any person whose name appears on more than one application will be excluded from the drawing, as will applications which are late, illegible or incomplete. All refuge hunting regulations remain unchanged. A total of 10 hunters will be issued a permit. Complete regulations and permits will be mailed to those hunters who are selected from the drawing. Unsuccessful hunters will not be notified. No standby lists will be maintained and "no shows" will not be re-filled. Hunters may contact Steve Clay, Refuge Manager, at the address above or call (530) 233-3572 for further information.

Annual Kids Fishing Day at Ellis Lake in Marysville

The Marysville Kiwanis Club is again sponsoring the free Youth Fishing Derby at Ellis Lake on Saturday, **Sept. 9, 2006**. A large number of catfish will be planted. The event is for pre-schoolers through 8th grade from 6:30 – 11:00 AM. Registration is from 6:30-10:00 AM. Final weighing is at 11:00 AM. The event begins about 6:30 AM with a free pancake breakfast for all participating youth. There will be free cotton candy and other free handouts. There will be random drawings for prizes such as bikes, fishing gear, and sporting equipment. Prizes will be given out for the biggest fish. Hot dogs, sodas and bait will be sold. Bring your own poles and tackle. The Kiwanis Club will make this a fun filled day for the entire family.

After 11:00 AM, Ellis Lake is available for fishing. Anyone 16 years and older must have a fishing license to take any kind of fish.

Modoc NWR Junior Waterfowl Hunt

As of press time we expect junior hunters will have the opportunity to hunt waterfowl at the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge this fall on **Saturday, Sept. 23**. Advance reservations are required and applications will be accepted by mail through **Sept. 8, 2006**. Only hunters possessing a valid California Junior hunting license may apply. Up to four hunters may apply together as a party.

Junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult (18 years or older) with no more than two junior hunters per adult.

The procedure for submitting applications is as follows:

1. Use only standard Postal Service postcards (3.5" x 5.5") and type/print clearly.
2. List the name, address and hunting license number for each person (up to 4) requesting permits. Zip codes must be correct.
3. Hunters must specify that the application is for the Junior Waterfowl Hunt.
4. A parent or legal guardian must sign for each applicant.
5. Mail postcards to:

**Junior Waterfowl Hunt,
Refuge Manager, Modoc NWR,
PO Box 1610,
Alturas, CA 96101.**

Only cards received by **Sept. 9, 2006** will be accepted.

Any person whose name appears on more than one application will be excluded from the drawing, as will applications which are late, illegible or incomplete.

All refuge hunting regulations remain unchanged. A total of 50 hunters will be issued a permit. Complete regulations and permits will be mailed to those hunters who are selected from the drawing. Unsuccessful hunters will not be notified. No standby lists will be maintained and "no shows" will not be re-filled.

Hunters may contact Steve Clay, Refuge Manager, at the address above or call (530) 233-3572 for further information.

Sign Up for Klamath Basin Waterfowl Hunts Now

The Klamath Basin Refuges are currently accepting applications for the opening weekend of the 2006 waterfowl hunting season on the Tule Lake and Lower Klamath refuges. Applications must be postmarked by **Aug. 15, 2006**.

Applications may be obtained by calling the refuge office at (530) 667-2231. Applications may also be printed off the hunting section of the refuge web site – www.klamathbasinrefuges.fws.gov.

A single check payable to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service totaling \$3 for each hunter named on the application must be sent in with the application. Applications received with a late postmarked date and those with incorrect fee payments will be returned unprocessed. Hunters will be notified of the drawing results by **Sept. 11, 2006**.

Modoc NWR Waterfowl Hunting Information-Near Alturas

Sport hunting is permitted on 2,130 acres of the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge in accordance with all State and Federal regulations subject to the special refuge regulations. The Refuge is open to hunting during regular shooting hours of the waterfowl hunting season on **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday**.

HUNT WORKING GROUP - The Hunt Working Group has been re-established to help improve the quality of waterfowl hunting on the Refuge. If you are interested in participating, please contact us at (530) 233.3572. The group will meet one to two times per year to discuss the hunting program on the Refuge. The next meeting will be in the fall of 2006.

General Hunting Information - Information stations are located at the two designated parking lots (North and South Units) and at the Refuge Headquarters. The Headquarters office hours are 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Hunting permits and fees are not required for hunting on the Refuge (except Opening Weekend). Self check-in and check-out are **required** by each hunter at the information stations in the designated North and South parking lots in the hunt area. These registration cards must be in possession while on the Refuge.

Hunting Methods and Habitat - There are a variety of habitats on the hunt area including dry and flooded grain fields, wet meadows, ponds and marshes. The areas include rough, uneven terrain; deep, dense stands of bulrushes (tules) and ditches. The most common species harvested include Canada geese, mallards, wigeon and gadwalls with decoying techniques being the most effective method. There are no retrieving zones. Do not go beyond "Closed Area" signs. Pick up your cripples at once to prevent waste.

There are three spaced blinds available, two of which are ADA accessible. The two ADA blinds may be reserved either through the opening weekend application process or during the remainder of the hunt season by calling the Refuge office at least 24 hours in advance of the day you plan to hunt. Blinds not reserved will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The remainder of the hunt area is open for free-roam hunting. The spaced blinds are serviced from the designated parking areas where there are reserved parking stalls with numbers corresponding to the spaced blinds. Hunters utilizing the spaced blinds are required to use the numbered parking stalls. No more than one hunting party may occupy a spaced blind site. A hunting party is limited to four persons. Hunters must remain within 50 feet of the established blind site sign. All other State and Refuge hunting regulations apply to the spaced blind hunting area.

Hunting Access and Terrain - Hunters must enter and exit the hunting area from the two designated parking lots (North and South). All decoys and personal equipment must be taken in and out of the hunt area through the designated parking areas. Other access is prohibited. Guns must be

unloaded in the designated parking areas at all times.

Mountain bikes are allowed outside the parking areas, but only on Refuge roads or graveled dikes in the hunt area. Boats are not needed to hunt the Refuge. There are two bridges available to cross the Pit River at the north and south end of the hunt area. Additionally, there is a pedestrian pulley-style crossing between the two bridges to cross the river. Hip boots or chest waders are essential for hunting comfort and to retrieve downed birds. There are many canals, flooded fields and marshes. Beware of deep water in ditches, usually adjacent to dikes. Rainfall can make roads and fields muddy and slippery, making them more difficult to negotiate. Hunting difficulty varies by location and hunters should examine their own abilities and limitations before using the Refuge. Handicapped persons should hunt with a partner and consult with the Refuge Manager for suggestions for hunting the area safely. Respect private property adjoining the public hunt area. Unauthorized entry upon private lands is a trespassing violation.

Camping- No overnight camping or parking is permitted on the Refuge. Commercial campgrounds, RV parks and hotels are available in Alturas, California, three miles north of the Refuge.

Modoc NWR - 2006-2007

OPENING WATERFOWL WEEKEND

Opening weekend for the 2006-2007 season is not established at this time. It is assumed that opening weekend will be similar to last year's which was Oct. 8th and 9th. The drawing for the opening weekend lottery will be held on Aug. 25th, and notification letters will be sent out the following week to those who are drawn. ***We are no longer maintaining a mailing list or sending applications to previous hunters***, as has been done in the past.

Bicycles are not allowed in the hunt area during the junior waterfowl hunt or the opening weekend of the season.

Hunters must have their special use permit, 2006 hunting license, State Duck/Federal Migratory Bird Stamps, HIP stamp, and photo ID in their possession at all times while hunting on the Refuge.

Application Instructions for 2006 Opening Weekend of Waterfowl Hunting Season at Modoc National Wildlife Refuge

In order to hunt Modoc National Wildlife Refuge during the first two days of the 2006-2007 hunting season, you must apply to hunt and be drawn in the lottery. The number of hunters to be drawn will be determined at the time of the lottery due to habitat conditions on the refuge, but at this time will NOT EXCEED 100 hunters.

1. List the name and mailing address for each member (four maximum) of your party. Include the telephone number for Applicant #1. Applications that are incomplete, illegible, duplicated or do not include the total application fee will be rejected.

2. A \$3.00 non-refundable application fee must be submitted for each person on the application. Make the money order or check (NO cash please) payable to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
3. Hunters may be named on ONE application only and may NOT apply for the Modoc Refuge hunt if they also apply for opening weekend hunts at Tule Lake or Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuges.
4. Golden Age or Golden Access Passport
Applicants: to receive reduced permit fees you must provide proof at time of successful draw and payment of permit fees. No refunds will be made if this information is not provided.
5. Up to two junior hunters (15 years or younger) may accompany parties with permits. Do NOT list junior hunters on this application. They will not be charged a fee, but must be accompanied by a permit holder over 18 and carry a junior license while hunting.
6. If you are interested in applying to the drawing for one of the two Handicapped (ADA) Blinds available, please make sure to place a check mark where specified at the bottom of the application. To be eligible, at least one person in your party **MUST** have a state issued handicapped placard in his/her vehicle. The ADA Blind can only accommodate a total of 4 persons, so if you're planning on bringing a party of more than 4 (to include junior hunters), you may not apply for the blind. There will be a drawing of successful applicants to determine whom the blind will be occupied by, and they will be notified by phone. If you are selected, you will be allowed to hunt at the ADA Blind area for the entire weekend.
7. Place application in an envelope, include your check or money order, and mail to: Modoc NWR, Waterfowl Hunting App, P.O. Box 1610, Alturas, CA 96101-1610.
8. This application **must be received by Aug. 18, 2006** to be considered.
9. Applicant #1 will be notified by mail if the party was successfully drawn.
10. Permit fees of \$10.00 per hunter (\$5.00 per Golden Age or Golden Access hunter) will be charged to successful applicants to hunt both days of opening weekend.
11. If you have any questions, please call the Refuge at (530) 233-3572. Good Luck!

2006 Game Bird Heritage Special Junior, Women's, Family, Mobility Impaired, and Wild Bird Hunts – Sacramento Valley

Sportsmen - Now is the time assist the young people and/or women in your life to sign up for the Hunter Education class in your area before the many special pheasant hunts take place this fall. Call your local sport shop, gun shop, or city recreation department to find out when the next classes are offered, or call one of the numbers listed on page 4. The two pheasant hunt applications in this edition include many of the most popular hunts in the Sacramento Valley. More pheasant hunt opportunities

will be included in the fall issue of this publication. There is no cost for any of these hunts.

We would like to bring special attention to the Junior, Women's, and Junior Mobility Impaired Hunts on Oct. 28-29, and Nov. 4-5, 2006. The Yuba and Sutter County Fish and Game Commissions and DFG are sponsoring these morning and afternoon hunts at the Nelson Slough Wildlife Area under the Highway 99 bridge near Nicolaus. Nelson Slough Wildlife Area is about 25 miles north of Sacramento and 20 miles south of Yuba City on Highway 99. Due to the generosity of the Sutter and Yuba County Fish and Game Commissions and many individuals, there are a large number of hunting opportunities available. All of these Nelson Slough Wildlife Area hunts are with planted pheasants. Planted pheasants are bigger and slower flying than wild pheasants, making them easier game for new hunters. **The mobility impaired hunt for junior hunters on Oct. 28-29 is designed for wheel chair bound junior hunters who can shoot a shotgun.**

Women - All Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5 morning and afternoon hunts are open to women. This is a unique opportunity for women hunters can hunt fields with small groups of other women or with their offspring.

The Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, and Little Dry Creek Wildlife Area junior hunts are wild pheasant hunts. The Sierra Valley, Oroville Wildlife Area, Delta Islands and Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area junior hunts have planted pheasants. The Southeast Fremont Weir Public Wild Pheasant Hunt in Yolo County is open to any applicant. Start your planning now.

Volunteers With Trained Bird Dogs Needed For Youth, Women and Mobility Impaired Junior Hunters Near Sacramento

When: Oct. 21, 28, 29, and Nov. 4-5, 2006.

What and Where: Junior Pheasant Hunts at the Nelson Slough Wildlife Area 25 miles north of Sacramento under the Hwy 99 bridge over the Feather River.

The Knights Landing Sportsmen's Club and the Yuba and Sutter County Fish and Game Commissions purchased pheasants to create hunting opportunities for more than 600 juniors, women and mobility impaired junior hunters. This unprecedented hunting opportunity close to Sacramento is made possible because many sportspersons have volunteered themselves and their bird dogs to help the many young hunters without dogs. Adult volunteers with or without trained bird dogs are urgently need to plant pheasants and act as monitors with small groups of junior hunters and their adults. If you have a trained bird dog, you can help a junior hunter without a dog get their first bird. Come help for a half day or the whole weekend. The young hunters are very appreciative and the volunteers know that they are helping to pass our hunting heritage on to the next generation. Your help is needed.

If you would like to help, even though you may not know what dates you are available, please call DFG Biologist Dale Whitmore at (530) 743-5068 and leave your name and phone number.

Volunteers Needed – Brush-Up Day at Sacramento and Delevan National Wildlife Refuges

WHAT: Camouflage and clean hunting blinds, stake pathways and maintain signs.

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006 from 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM.

The purpose is to help prepare the hunting area for fall hunting. About 50 concerned conservationists come out each year to prepare the area. A forum is held at 1:00 PM to tell about improvements made to the 2 refuges and the fall waterfowl forecast.

SCHEDULE: Meet at the Sacramento Refuge check station at 8:30 AM on Road 68 (formerly Norman Road) and help cleanup until noon. From noon to 1:00 PM is a \$6 lunch which can be ordered from Bruce Billings or you can bring your own lunch. At 1:00 is a forum full of refuge information and answers to your questions. Enjoy the workday with family and friends.

WHAT TO BRING: Hip boots (some areas are flooded), work gloves, hat, water, chair, sun screen, and mosquito spray.

To order lunch, send a check for \$6 to: Bruce Billings, 423 N. Murdock Ave., Willows, CA 95988 along with your name, address and phone number. Bruce's number is (530) 934-0227. For event details, call Sacramento NWR, (530) 934-2801.

What's Coming in the Fall Issue of Tracks / Wing Beat News

Pheasant hunting; Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge waterfowl hunts; migratory waterfowl regulations; junior waterfowl hunts; quail hunting; and turkey hunting.

Application for 2006 Opening Weekend of Waterfowl Hunting on Modoc National Wildlife Refuge

Must be received by Aug. 18, 2006. Mail this form (with payment) to: Modoc NWR, Waterfowl Hunting App, P.O. Box 1610, Alturas, CA 96101-1610.

Applicant #1- Name and Daytime Phone #, Street/PO Box #, City/State/Zip

Applicant #2 Name, Street/PO Box #, City/State/Zip

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_____ Check here if you would like to be placed in the separate drawing for the ADA Handicap Blinds for Opening Weekend. Note: If you put in for the Handicap Blind drawing you will not be considered in the regular drawing. Don't forget to include a \$3.00 non-refundable application fee for EACH hunter. Checks and money orders only..no cash please! Each hunter may apply on ONE application only.

GAME BIRD HERITAGE SPECIAL PHEASANT HUNT APPLICATION

WILD BIRD and FAMILY 2006

California Department of Fish & Game
Sacramento Valley Central Sierra Region

Please check the boxes below for the hunts you would like to apply for. You may apply for any hunt and any dates, but you will only be drawn for one hunt per date. Do NOT send more than 1 application or you will be disqualified.

This section must be complete to qualify for the drawing. You may apply as a party of up to four, as long as all hunter's names and hunting license numbers appear.

Contact Address & Phone #:

Name: _____ License #: _____

Name: _____ License #: _____

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Zip: _____

WILD BIRD PUBLIC HUNT

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
South East Fremont Weir	40	Nov. 11	Oct. 25	
	40	Nov. 15	Oct. 25	
	40	Nov. 18	Nov. 1	
	40	Nov. 22	Nov. 1	
	40	Nov. 25	Nov. 8	
	40	Nov. 29	Nov. 8	
	40	Dec. 2	Nov. 15	
	40	Dec. 6	Nov. 15	
Delta Island	40	Dec. 9	Nov. 22	
	50	Nov. 11	Oct. 25	
	50	Nov. 15	Oct. 25	
	50	Nov. 22	Nov. 1	
	50	Nov. 25	Nov. 8	
	50	Nov. 29	Nov. 8	
	50	Dec. 2	Nov. 15	
	50	Dec. 6	Nov. 15	
	50	Dec. 9	Nov. 22	

FAMILY HUNT

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Little Dry Creek	50	Nov. 12	Oct. 25	

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• Mail to: Department of Fish and Game •
• GBH Special Hunts •
• Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 •
• For Questions Call: 916-358-2839 •
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- * Multiple applications will be disqualified.
- * A computer drawing will occur the day after the deadline.
- * Junior and Women's hunts are available on a separate application.
- * Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will receive specific information about the hunt.
- * Non-hunters are not restricted and do not need to be declared on this application.
- * Additional information will be available by calling 916-358-2839
- * These hunts are free and open to all legal hunters.
- * There are no re-fills or exchanges, only the hunters listed on this application will be able to hunt.

Definitions: Public - Any one with a CA hunting license.
Mobility Impaired - Any CA hunting license holder with a mobility impairment (unless specified for juniors).
Family - Any party of two or more, preferably with at least 1 junior.

GAME BIRD HERITAGE SPECIAL PHEASANT HUNT APPLICATION

JUNIORS and WOMEN 2006

California Department of Fish & Game
Sacramento Valley Central Sierra Region

Please check the boxes below for the hunts you would like to apply for. You may apply for any hunt and any dates, but you will only be drawn for one hunt per date. Do NOT send more than 1 application or you will be disqualified.

This section must be complete to qualify for the drawing. You may apply as a party of up to four, as long as all hunter's names and hunting license numbers appear.

Contact Address & Phone #:

Name: _____ License #: _____
 Name: _____ License #: _____ Zip: _____
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JUNIOR HUNTS

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Sierra Valley (Headwaters Honker Preserve)	20	Oct. 7 AM	Sep. 20	
	20	Oct. 7 PM	Sep. 20	
	20	Oct. 8 AM	Sep 20	
Yuba-Sutter DFG (Nelson Slough)	65	Nov. 4 PM	Oct. 18	
	65	Nov. 4 AM	Oct. 18	
	65	Nov. 5 AM	Oct. 18	
	65	Nov. 5 PM	Oct. 18	
	65	Nov. 5 PM	Oct. 18	
Gray Lodge*	25	Nov. 18	Nov. 1	
Little Dry Creek*	50	Nov. 18	Nov. 1	
Delta Islands	50	Nov. 19	Nov. 1	
	50	Nov. 18 AM	Nov. 1	
Yolo	50	Nov. 18 PM	Nov. 1	
	50	Nov. 18 PM	Nov. 1	
Oroville WA	25	Nov. 18	Nov. 1	
	50	Dec. 2	Nov. 1	
	50	Dec. 3	Nov. 1	

***Wild bird hunts for experienced Jrs., not for beginners**

- * Multiple applications will be disqualified.
- * A computer drawing will occur the day after the deadline.
- * Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will receive specific information about the hunt.
- * Wild bird public and Family hunts are available on a separate application.
- * Non-hunters are not restricted and do not need to be declared on this application.
- * Additional information will be available by calling 916-358-2839
- * These hunts are free and open to all legal hunters.
- * There are no re-fills or exchanges, only the hunters listed on this application will be able to hunt.
- * Hunter Ed graduates who apply for a beginner hunt with their priority stamp will automatically be drawn.

Hunters wishing to apply for the Jr, Women's or Jr MI Yuba or Sutter FGC hunts at Nelson Slough on October 28th am/pm and 29th am/pm should apply by postcard/letter with names, hunting license #'s, dates you would like to hunt in order of preference and a contact name and address. 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

WOMEN'S HUNTS

Area	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
Yuba-Sutter DFG (Nelson Slough)	65	Nov. 4 am	Oct. 18	
	65	Nov. 4 pm	Oct. 18	
	65	Nov. 5 am	Oct. 18	
Combined with Jr hunt	65	Nov. 5 pm	Oct. 18	
Delta Islands	50	Nov. 12	Oct. 25	

*******New for 2006*******

Hunter Education Graduates please place your priority stamp here and apply for beginner hunt opportunities.



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Definitions- Junior: A person who purchased a CA hunting license while under the age of 16. Woman: Any female with a CA hunting license. Public: Any one with a CA hunting license. Mobility Impaired-Any CA hunting license holder with a mobility impairment (unless specified for juniors). Family- Any party of two or more, preferably with at least 1 junior.

**COOP SPORTSMEN'S CLUB PUBLIC
PHEASANT HUNTS 2006-2007**

C1	Southern Tulare County	Nov. 11 –	(559) 243-4005 #133
	Sportsman's Association, Tulare County	Dec. 24	(559) 781-6087 (559) 781-0177 stcsa@sbcglobal.net

DOVE HUNTS 2006-2007

D1	Cosumnes River Preserve, Sacramento County	Sept. 1, 2	(916) 358-2839
D2	Bakersfield, Kern County	Sept. 1, 2	(559) 243-4005 #133
D3	Pilobos Wildlife Area, Fresno County	Sept. 1, 2 Sept. 3 – 15 Nov. 11 – Dec. 25	(559) 243-4005 #133
D4	Tranquillity, Fresno County	Sept. 1, 2 – 15 Nov. 11 – Dec. 25	(559) 243-4005 #133
D5	Success Lake, Tulare County	Sept. 1 – 15 Nov. 11 – Dec. 25	(559) 243-4005 #133
D6	Huron, Fresno County	Sept. 1, 2 – 15 Nov. 11 – Dec. 25	(559) 243-4005 #133
D8	Gorman-Frazier Park (Peace Valley), Los Angeles County	Sept. 1, 2, 3 AM/PM	(562) 342-7147
D9	Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, San Diego County	Sept. 1, 2, 3 AM/PM Nov. 19, 20 All Day	(562) 342-7147
D11	Imperial Valley, Imperial County	Sept. 1 – 15 Nov. 13 – Dec. 28	(760) 922-4686

WOMEN'S PHEASANT HUNTS 2006-2007

W1	Honey Lake Wildlife Area, Lassen Co.	Oct. 21	(530) 254-6644
W2	Eel River Wildlife Area, Humboldt Co.	Nov. 5	(707) 464-2523
W3	Shasta County Sportsmen's Club, Tehama County	Dec. 2	(530) 597-2201
W4	Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Del Norte Co.	Nov. 4	(707) 441-2201
W5	Feather River Wildlife Area, Sutter Co.	Oct. 28, 29 AM/PM Nov. 5, 6 AM/PM	(916) 358-2839 (530) 743-5068
W6	Delta Islands, Sacramento County	Nov. 12	(916) 358-2839
W7	San Miguel Women's Hunting Clinic, Monterey County	Dec. 2	(831) 649-2890 (707) 944-5500
W8	Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, Solano Co.	Dec. 2	(707) 425-3828
W9	Bakersfield, Kern County	Dec. 2	(559) 243-4005 #133
W10	Gustine, Merced County	Dec. 2	(559) 243-4005 #133
W12	Peace Valley, Los Angeles County	Nov. 11 PM	(562) 342-7147
W13	Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, San Diego County	Jan. 6 PM	(562) 342-7147
W14	Robinson, Schindler, Desert Security, Tohshin Farms, Blythe, Riverside County	Dec. 16	(760) 922-4686

QUAIL HUNTS 2006-2007

Q1	Springville, Tulare County	Oct. 15	(559) 243-4005 #133
Q2	O'Neals Fresno, County	Oct. 15	(559) 243-4005 #133
Q3	Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, San Diego County	Nov. 19, 20 All Day	(562) 342-7145
Q5	Imperial Valley, Niland, Imperial County	Oct. 22 – Jan. 29	(760) 922-4686

JUNIOR PHEASANT HUNTS 2006-2007

J1	Butte Valley Wildlife Area, Siskiyou County	Sept. 16 AM/PM	(530) 398-4627
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J2	*Ash Creek Wildlife Area, Lassen/Modoc County	Sept. 16 AM/PM	(530) 294-5824
	Modoc, Modoc County	Contact Richard Shinn	(530) 233-3581
J3	Honey Lake Wildlife Area, Lassen Co.	Nov. 4, 5 AM/PM	(530) 254-6644
J4	*Shasta County Sportsmen's Club, Tehama County	Nov. 18, 19 AM/PM	(530) 597-2201
J5	*Eel River Wildlife Area, Humboldt County	Nov. 18, 19 AM/PM	(707) 464-2523
J6	Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Del Norte County	Nov. 18 AM/PM	(707) 464-2523
J7	*Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, Siskiyou County	Nov. 18 AM/PM	(530) 459-3926
J8	Headwaters Honker Preserve, Plumas County	Oct. 7 AM/PM	(916) 358-2839
J9	**Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area- Little Dry Creek Unit, Butte County	Nov. 18, 19 AM	(916) 358-2839 (530) 982-2169
J10	Oroville Wildlife Area, Butte County	Dec. 2, 3 AM/PM	(916) 358-2839 (530) 538-2236
J11	Feather River Wildlife Area, Sutter County	Oct. 28, 29 AM/PM Nov. 4, 5 AM/PM	(916) 358-2839 (530) 743-5068
J12	Llano Seco Ranch, Glenn County	Dec. 10 AM	(530) 934-2801
J13	Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Butte Co.	Nov. 18	(916) 358-2839 (530) 846-7500
J14	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, Yolo Co.	Nov. 18	(916) 358-2839 (530) 757-2461
J15	Delta Islands, Sacramento County	Nov. 18 AM/PM	(916) 358-2839
J16	Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, Solano County	Nov. 18, 19	(707) 425-3828 (707) 944-5500
J17	Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, Napa and Solano counties	Nov. 18	(707) 944-5567 (707) 944-5500
J18	Laytonville, Bernie Geiger Memorial, Mendocino County	Nov. 18	(707) 456-0329 (707) 944-5500
J19	Highland Springs, Lake County Flood Control District, Lake Co.	Nov. 18	(707) 944-5500
J20	San Miguel, Ray Azbil, San Luis Obispo County	Feb. 10, 11	(805) 238-4236 (707) 944-5500
J21	*Mendota Wildlife Area, Fresno Co.	Nov. 18, Dec. 2	(559) 243-4005 #133
J22	*O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area, Merced County	Nov. 18, Dec. 2	(559) 243-4005 #133
J24	*Taft, Kern County	Nov. 11, 12	(559) 243-4005 #133 (661) 765-2704 tbrown16@bak.rr.com
J25	*Success Lake, Tulare County	Nov. 18, 19	(559) 243-4005 #133 or (559) 562-0982 www.stcsa.com stcsa@sbcglobal.net
J26	*Lake Isabella, Kern County	Nov. 18, 19	(559) 243-4005 #133 (760) 379-3188 (760) 379-8251 chestero@aol.com
J27	Gorman, Peace Valley, Los Angeles County	Oct. 14, 15 AM Nov. 11 AM, 12 AM/PM Dec. 2, 3 AM	(562) 342-7147
J28	Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, San Diego County	Nov. 4 AM Nov. 5 AM/PM Dec. 9 AM Dec. 10 PM Jan. 7 AM	(562) 342-7145
J29	Deborah Takayama Memorial, Ventura County	Feb. 3	(562) 342-7147
J30	Frazier Mountain, Ventura County	Dec. 16, 17 AM	(562) 342-7147
J32	San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Riverside County	Nov. 12	(760) 922-4686
J33	Imperial Wildlife Area, Wister Unit, Imperial County	Nov. 18	(760) 922-4686
J34	Little Antelope - Slinkard Valley Wildlife Area, Mono County	Nov. 18	(760) 922-4686
J35	Robinson, Schindler, Desert Security, Tohshin Farms, Riverside County	Nov. 18 Dec. 2	(760) 922-4686
J36	Camp Cady Wildlife Area, San Bernardino County	Dec. 9 AM/PM	(760) 922-4686
J37	Imperial Valley (El Centro), Imperial County	Dec. 2, 3	(760) 356-4280

* Recommended for first-time hunters
** Recommended for experienced hunters

WILD TURKEY HUNTS 2006-2007

T1	Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Yuba Co.	Mar. 24, 25, 28, 30, 31	(916) 358-2839
T2	Oroville Wildlife Area, Butte County	Mar. 24, 25 Apr. 7, 8, 21, 22	(916) 358-2839
T3	Spenceville Wildlife Area, Nevada & Yuba Counties	Mar. 24, 25, 28, 30, 31	(916) 358-2839
T4	U. C. Field Station, Browns Valley, Yuba County - JUNIORS ONLY	April TBA	(530) 743-5068
T5	Lake Sonoma, Sonoma County	Nov. 18, 19 Apr. 7, 8	(707) 944-5500
T6	Lake Sonoma, Sonoma County JUNIORS ONLY	Nov. 11, 12 Mar. 31, Apr. 1	(707) 944-5500
T7	Cache Creek, Lake County	Mar. 24, 25	(707) 944-5500
T8	Camp Roberts, San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties	Nov. 18, 19 April TBA	(831) 649-7194 Camp Roberts (call in fall) (805) 238-8167
T9	Lake Mendocino, Mendocino County	Nov. 18, 19 Mar. 27 Apr. 3, 5, 7, 10, 12	(707) 456-0329
T10	Lake Mendocino, Mendocino County JUNIORS ONLY	Nov. 11, 12 Mar. 24, 31	(707) 456-0329
T11	Canada de los Osos, Santa Clara County JUNIORS ONLY	Nov. 11, 12 April TBA	(831) 649-2934
T12	Millerton Lake State Recreation Area, Fresno County - ARCHERY ONLY	Mar. 24 - 30, Mar. 31 - Apr. 6 Apr. 7 - 13, Apr. 14 - 20 Apr. 21 - 27 Apr. 28 - May 4, May 5 - 13	(559) 243-4005 #133
T13	Tejon Ranch, Kern County JUNIORS ONLY	Apr. 3, 5, 10, 12	(559) 243-4005 #133

WILD BIRD PUBLIC HUNTS 2006-2007

P1	Delta Islands (Pheasant Hunt) Sacramento County	Nov. 11, 15, 22 25, 29 Dec. 2, 6, 9	(916) 358-2839
P2	South East Fremont Weir (Pheasant Hunt) Yolo County	Nov. 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 Dec. 2, 6, 9	(916) 358-2839

MOBILITY IMPAIRED HUNTS 2006-2007

M1	Feather River Wildlife Area, Sutter Co. JUNIORS ONLY	Oct. 28, 29 AM/PM Nov. 4, 5 AM/PM	(916) 358-2877 (530) 743-5068
M2	Chowchilla, Madera County	Nov. 19	(559) 243-4005 #133

FAMILY PHEASANT HUNTS 2006-2007

F1	Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area, Little Dry Creek Unit, Butte County	Nov. 12	(916) 358-2839 (530) 982-2169
F2	Gustine, North Grasslands Wildlife Area, China Island Unit, Merced County	Nov. 18	(559) 243-4005 #133
F3	Merced, Merced Wastewater Treatment Facility, Merced County	Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10	(559) 243-4005 #133
F5	Stevinson, Merced County	Dec. 2	(559) 243-4005 #133
F6	Chowchilla, Madera County	Dec. 9	(559) 243-4005 #133
F7	San Joaquin - Tranquillity, Fresno Co.	Nov. 18	(559) 243-4005 #133
F8	Bakersfield, Kern County	Nov. 18	(559) 243-4005 #133
F9	Alpaugh, Tulare County	Nov. 18	(559) 243-4005 #133
F10	Kettleman City, Kings County	Nov. 18	(559) 243-4005 #133
F12	Frazier Mountain, Ventura County	Dec. 16 AM/PM Dec. 17 PM	(562) 342-7147
F13	Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, San Diego County	Nov. 4 PM Dec. 9 PM Dec. 10 AM Jan. 6 AM Jan. 7 PM	(562) 342-7147
F14	Gorman, Peace Valley, Los Angeles County	Oct. 14 PM Oct. 15 PM Dec. 2 PM Dec. 3 PM	(562) 342-7147
F16	Robinson, Schindler, Desert Security, Tohshin Farms, Riverside County	Nov. 19 Dec. 3, Dec. 17	(760) 922-4686
F17	Camp Cady Wildlife Area, San Bernardino County	Dec. 10	(760) 922-4686

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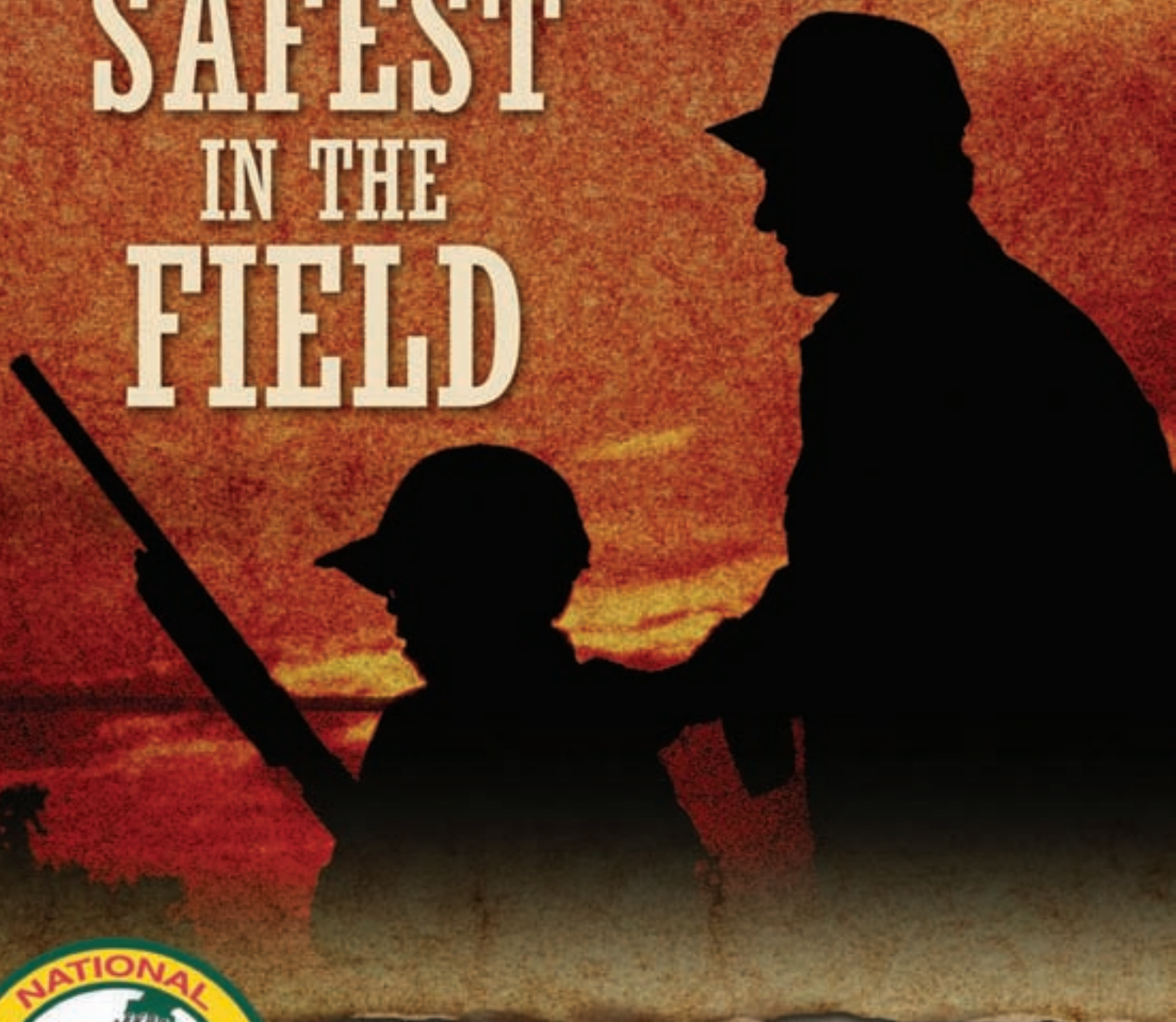
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